

## Department of Energy

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National Nuclear Security Administration 1301 Clay Street Oakland, California 94612-5208

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cleanup and Closure of the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC), Simi Valley, California.

Dear Stakeholder,

On January 9, 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) officially releases the *draft* EA for the Cleanup and Closure of ETEC, Simi Valley, California. The public comment period for the EA will be *January 9, 2002 through February 11, 2002*. During this time, you are invited to submit formal comments about the EA, which will be considered by DOE in the preparation of a final EA. Guidelines for submitting these comments can be found in Section 1.4 of the EA document.

DOE has prepared this EA to evaluate the potential impacts of implementing additional cleanup and closure activities at ETEC. Three cleanup actions are described, a preferred action and two alternative proposals. An analysis of potential impacts on human health and the environment are presented as a part of each of these three proposals.

The EA document will be available for public review at three local informational repositories:

Simi Valley Library 2969 Tapo Canyon Road Simi Valley, CA (805) 526-1735 California State University, Northridge Urban Archives Center Oviatt Library, Basement, Room 4 18111 Nordhoff Street Northridge, CA (818) 885-2832 Platt Branch Library 23600 Victory Boulevard Woodland Hills, CA (818) 340-9386

Copies of the EA document are available by:

- Downloading a copy at the DOE/OAK website: http://www.oak.doe.gov/etec\_ea.html
- Sending an email request to etec.ea@oak.doe.gov.
- Contacting the Energy Information Center at (510) 637-1762

The EA can be referenced by its Document Release No: DOE/EA-1345.

On January 24, 2002, two public meetings will take place (2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm) at the Grande Vista Hotel (999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley), during which, public officials and community leaders will be available to answer questions about the EA.

Sincerely,

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